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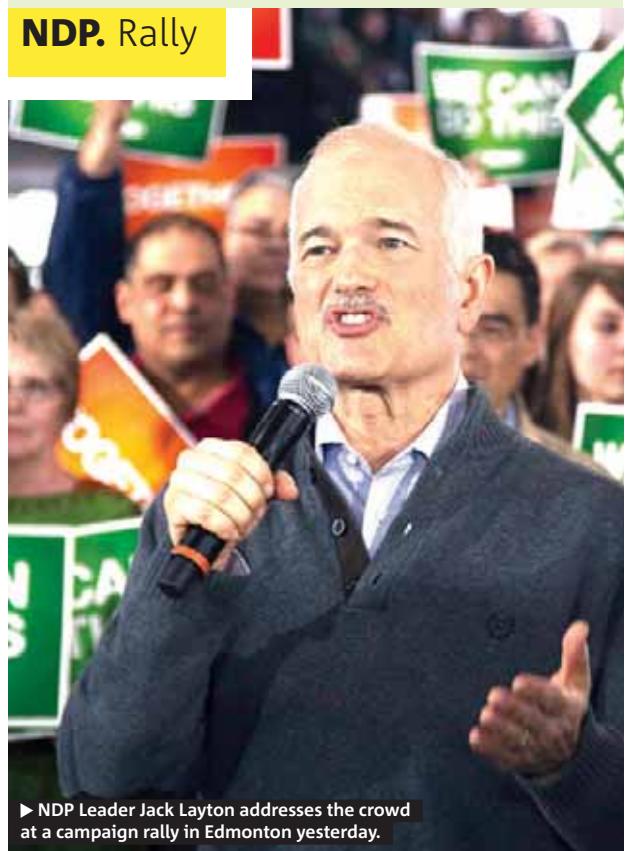
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News worth sharing.

NDP. Rally



► NDP Leader Jack Layton addresses the crowd at a campaign rally in Edmonton yesterday.

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Drumming up support

NDP Leader Jack Layton spoke at a campaign rally at Fort Edmonton Park yesterday ahead of the May 2 federal election.

Calgary Grit apologizes for racial remarks

► In release, northeast candidate Cam Stewart implied intimidation and threats common among 'Indian' politicians

Calgary Liberal candidate Cam Stewart issued a firm apology yesterday after accusing his opponent of running a campaign "like Indian Politian's do, intimidating and threatening opponent candidate's volunteers and supporters (sic)."

Stewart's comments came in a release after members of his campaign team and that of Conservative opponent Devinder Shory became involved in a heated exchange of words Tuesday evening.

"I deeply regret any offense I may have caused and any misunderstanding about my own — and my party's — views," Stewart said in the apology.

Responding to a request by Metro yesterday, the Liberal Party of Canada said it accepted Stewart's apology and added that it values and respects "the inestimable contribution of the Indo-Canadian com-

munity to our multi-cultural society."

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff was informed of Stewart's comments, confirmed spokesperson Sarah Bain.

Stewart said his statement was issued in the "heat of the moment" as he alleged Shory's team was intimidating campaign workers at his headquarters before heading to an event at a nearby community centre Tuesday.

A spokesperson for the Shory campaign refuted those claims and called Stewart's comments "a low-blow."

"Devinder, being Indo-Canadian, has had to deal with a lot of racism and issues being thrown at him in this regard," Steven Ladd said. "It's unfortunate that the Liberal candidate is stooping to this level."

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Confrontation

- Calgary Police Service did attend the non-violent confrontation between Liberal and Conservative supporters Tuesday evening.
- Both parties were separated. No one was arrested but police continued to monitor the situation for two hours, a spokesperson said yesterday.

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Charges dropped in horse shooting

Charges have been dropped against three men accused of shooting a wild horse in west-central Alberta.

New evidence presented to defence lawyers earlier this month cleared Jason Nixon, Earl Anderson and Gary Cape of being involved in the 2009 shooting.

The men said they came upon a horse lying by the side of the road near Sundre and simply moved the carcass. It is believed a witness saw what they did and came forward.

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Trio sought in break-in

Calgary police are asking the public for help to identify several suspects in a vicious home invasion.

Police have released photos of three men they believe broke into a home last December and attacked a man so badly he required medical treatment.

After being beaten with unknown objects, the victim attempted to escape but was choked unconscious.

The culprits tied him up, ransacked the residence in the city's southeast and stole an undisclosed amount of cash.

They fled in a red, four-door car.

Investigators do not believe the attack was random. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Prepare for more road closures

► Completion of first elevated LRT guideway expected soon ► West LRT construction on schedule and on budget, according to spokesperson
► Crews to begin installing track along West LRT line

While the May long weekend is known for kicking off the summer, this year it will also kick off the next phase of the city's West LRT construction — work that will cause more road closures over the next year.

"2011 will be a very busy construction season for us," explained Christian Cormier, spokesman for the West LRT. "We are aware this is causing a lot of disruption, so we are asking Calgarians for their patience."

More info

This week, a newsletter outlining the construction over the 2011 season will be sent out to approximately 50,000 residents and

Cormier described the upcoming work as intense and explained that the installation of track will cause four-to-six-day closures at key intersections.

The affected intersections include: Bow Trail

homes in the communities surrounding the West LRT.

► For more information, Calgarians are encouraged to visit westlrt.ca or contact Ald. Richard Pootmans' office for updates.

and 26 Street Southwest, 47 Street and 17 Avenue Southwest, Costello Boulevard and 17 Avenue Southwest, as well as Christie Park Gate.

Christie Park resident Shannon Vander Meulen

wasn't surprised by the news.

"It's been a major issue for the last year and a half and will be for the next year and a half, but I feel like it's worth the short-term pain for the long-term gain," said Vander Meulen.

This seems to be the prevailing attitude of community members, according to Ald. Richard Pootmans.

"This is an investment in the future that will eventually pay dividends," he said.

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High-profile folk heroes slated for fest

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Blue Rodeo, k.d. lang and Joel Plaskett will be among the headliners descending on Prince's Island Park for the 32nd Calgary Folk Music Festival this summer.

The full lineup for this year's festival, which runs July 22-25, was announced yesterday and features other notable acts like City and Colour, Bonnie (Prince) Billy, Patrick Watson and Nanci Griffith.

"We have a good reputation, I think," artistic director Kerri Clarke said of the festival's appeal. "It's

68

This year's folk fest lineup features 68 artists from 14 countries on seven stages.

known as a great place to play. Our audience is really wonderful and attentive."

Lang, a native of Consort, first took the Calgary folk festival stage in 1985 and will come back this year, accompanied by a band called The Siss Boom Bang.

"Her latest album was written specifically with

folk festivals in mind," Clarke said. "They approached us and said she really wants to play the festival."

Tickets to the festival are available at early bird rates until June 1, with four-day passes ranging from \$85 to \$155.

Longtime folk-fest attendee Jamie Schrader said she will be in attendance all four days again this year.

"I would like to see City and Colour," she said. "They're a big band for me. It's really exciting to see them."

For more information, visit calgaryfolkfest.com or call 403-233-0904.

Revamped school bill targets dropouts, bullies

Alberta is proposing a new education law that would increase the age at which students can drop out and give teachers more power over school-yard bullies.

Bill 18, the Education Act, would also give school boards more latitude to solve front-line problems and deliver program innovations.

"We're talking about a significant cultural shift," Education Minister Dave Hancock told reporters yesterday after he tabled the bill in the legislature.

The bill will replace the current School Act, which governs how schools and school boards operate in the province.

Hancock said the first goal is to keep students in school.

To that end, the proposed minimum age for dropping out will be 17. The current minimum is



16.

Students would also have their education funded to age 21 if that's how long it takes for them to complete their diploma. The current age limit is 19.

"Many students who drop out of high school return after one or two years, and we want to ensure finances are not a barrier to completion at

Expanded powers

The proposed Education Act also goes after students who bully their classmates.

► Currently, teachers and principals have authority to deal with bullying on school grounds, but bullying among students off site or on the Internet has been a grey area.

► The bill makes it clear that bullying among students, no matter where it happens, can be dealt with by school officials if it affects how students are performing and learning in the classroom.

an early age," said Hancock.

"It's better for those students and it's better for our community."

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Man hit by C-Train hospitalized

Suffering from "massive trauma," a man was taken to hospital after being struck by a C-Train.

The incident occurred around 2 p.m. yesterday, said Calgary EMS spokesperson Adam Loria, adding it's not clear whether the individual fell or jumped.

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Firecracker causes false gun alarm

Police responded to a Beltline apartment complex after reports of gunshots yesterday morning.

Upon arrival, police found a landlord in dispute with a tenant. The "gunshot" sound had been made by a firecracker in a nearby outdoor parking lot. One man was taken into custody. ► METRO

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FEDERAL ELECTION

Vote mob to take downtown Calgary by storm

Election enthusiasts will be descending on the streets of downtown Calgary today for a vote mob to encourage Calgarians to hit the polls.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m.,

members of the mob will meet in spots around downtown Calgary before converging on Olympic Plaza.

Candidates from all the federal parties have been invited to speak and mobsters will be handing out pamphlets with voting information.

All participants are asked to dress in red and white to represent Canada.

For more information or to join the vote mob, search Calgary Vote Mob 2 on Facebook.

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Man jailed for killing couple

A central Alberta man has been sentenced to two years and three months in jail for killing a couple while driving drunk.

Chad Olsen had pleaded guilty to impaired driving causing death in the February 2010 collision that killed Brad and Krista Howe.

Just before sentencing yesterday the court heard a victim impact statement from the Howe's youngest child, Molly, who asked her deceased parents, "How is heaven? I miss you a lot."

Court heard that Olsen was speeding when he drove through a red light

5 The crash left the Red Deer couple's five children — three of their own, and a niece and nephew they were raising as orphans.

and slammed into the Howes' small car. His blood alcohol level was nearly three times the legal limit.

The couple's children are being cared for by extended family.

The crash prompted Sandra Green, Krista's mother, to ask Prime Minister Stephen Harper for automatic jail terms for drunk drivers.

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Calgarians save the date for Will and Kate

► Ciara Daykin made up lavish invites in a neutral tone with silver script lettering for her royal viewing party.

Get your wedding hats ready

The Monarchist League of Canada is holding a celebration dinner and viewing at the Royal Canadian Legion in Kensington on Friday at 7:15 p.m. but ad-

vanced ticket purchase was required.

The Palliser Hotel is also holding a series of events throughout the day on Friday including a royal breakfast, a royal afternoon tea and royal wedding-themed cocktails. For more information contact 403-260-1222. ● CAROLINA NOVOTNY

► 'No denim. Hats welcome': Dress code at royal wedding party ► Tweets to be screened next to wedding video

Tune in live

All major networks including Global, Citytv, CTV and CBC will have wedding coverage starting from Friday at midnight.

► For online streaming, tune into: www.youtube.com/theroyalchannel where a countdown to the minute is already ticking away.

► For Twitter users: @ClarenceHouse may be your best bet amongst a plethora of options.

ready has her ticket, is planning to dress to the nines for the screening. "I'm getting decked out in a hat," said Glendon. "How often do you get to see a princess get married?"

Daykin also had advice for future brides who want to capture a little of the royal magic for their special day: "Guests love surprises so take a page from Princess Catherine's book and keep some details on the down low."

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Riding profile: Calgary Nose Hill

► Metro asked the Calgary Nose Hill candidates the following questions:

- 1. What is your past political experience?
- 2. What do you think is the biggest issue in your constituency?
- 3. What are you doing to get more people engaged in the election process?

Tony Hajj
Green party
Age: 33
Occupation: Civil engineer by trade.

1. I was part of many byelection campaigns. In 2008, I ran in Calgary Nose Hill for the Green party and we were the only party that increased their votes.

2. The main issue people are concerned about is health care, followed by the economy.

This election will not be about the issues, but will most likely be about getting the voter out to vote.

4. I am doing a lot of door knocking in my riding. As you know I was the only



► Tony Hajj



► Margaret McLeod



► Collin Anderson



► Diane Ablonczy

the federal election. 2. I think it is the same across the country. The big issue is corporate tax cuts and if Canadians want to see blank cheques handed over to corporations or see that money go to help Canadian families. Healthcare, education and help for seniors are the big issues.

3. Lots of contact with the voters. I have been to all candidate forums but at both incumbent Conservative candidates decided not to attend.

Diane Ablonczy
Conservative
No response.

● CAROLINA NOVOTNY

candidate that door knocked every day during the last election.

Margaret McLeod
Liberal
Age: 68
Occupation: Registered Psychologist with a private clinical practice.

1. Director of Calgary Nose Hill Federal Liberal Association since 2009, Member since 2005.
2. Health care, education, and democracy.
3. My campaign team will employ the usual methods of signs and mailouts. We have a website, Facebook

page, and Twitter. We will also be door knocking, going to malls, phoning, and attending Coffee Chats and small events.

We have two debates lined up, and would welcome other opportunities to meet voters in Calgary Nose Hill.

Collin Anderson
NDP
Age: 55
Occupation: Recently retired Telus Communications employee after 35 and a half years at the job.
1. I ran in the 2008 provincial election for the NDP and am now running in

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More politicos than romantics in Canada

► A spike in media coverage may have boosted interest in the royal wedding ► One in five Canadians will watch

What would Canadians rather watch — aspiring prime ministers swapping barbs, or a glamorous royal couple exchanging vows?

A pair of recent surveys suggest Canada's political leaders may come out on top.

A poll assessing national interest in the upcoming royal wedding suggests about 40 per cent of Canadians have been making plans to watch Prince William and Kate Middleton tie the knot tomorrow.

The poll found 19 per cent of Canadians said they were very likely to watch the royal nuptials on tele-

vision, with an additional 20 per cent saying they were somewhat likely to tune in.

About 15 per cent of Canadians said they were somewhat unlikely to watch the wedding, while 44 per cent said they were very unlikely to do so.

Impressive as those figures may seem for an event in the early morning hours across the country, they fall short of the 51 per cent that declared their intention of watching the English-language election debate that was on TV earlier this month.

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Age, sex, location?

Interest in the royal wedding varies among demos.

- Female Twenty-six per cent of women plan to watch the ceremony, compared to 11 per cent of men.
- Youth Those over the age of 50 are more likely to watch (30 per cent) compared to just six per cent of those 18 to 34.
- Region In Quebec, 52 per cent of survey respondents said they were very unlikely to watch the festivities.



► A bookie takes bets outside Westminster Abbey yesterday. Interest in the royal wedding may be low among Canadian youth, but in London, spectators of all ages are gathering around the route that Prince William and Kate Middleton will take tomorrow.

Layton eyes 24 Sussex as NDP surges in polls



One says Sussex Drive, the other Stornoway.

Jack Layton and

Stephen Harper don't agree, naturally, on where the NDP leader ought to be after Monday's vote — running the country or leading the official Opposition.

But the very fact they're talking seriously about such things, once laughably unlikely, now forehead-slappingly possible, shows just how utterly on its ear the federal campaign has been turned.

Layton nearly brought the house down yesterday with a well-worn bit of dare-to-dream campaign rhetoric.

"As your prime minis-

ter," he began, only to be drowned out by a deafening chorus of partisan cheering. "Sounds like you like that phrase," he grinned mischievously.

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NDP jump

Polls suggest the NDP leads the Liberals.

- Ekos Research shows NDP at 28.1 per cent, behind the Tories at 34 per cent.
- Liberals languish at 22.9 per cent.

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Palestinians agree to form single government

- West Bank and Gaza to reunite
- Questions about Hamas linger

Palestinians have reached initial agreement on reuniting their rival governments in the West Bank and Gaza, officials from both sides said yesterday, a step that would remove a main obstacle in the way of peace efforts with Israel.

Even before the agreement was to be signed, key questions about how to unify rival security forces remained unsolved. Israel immediately rejected the prospect of a Palestinian government including Hamas, and the U.S. expressed similar concerns.

Fatah and Hamas officials said the plan, brokered by Egypt, calls for the formation of a single caretaker government in the coming days. The government would administer

"The Palestinian Authority must choose between peace with Israel and peace with Hamas."

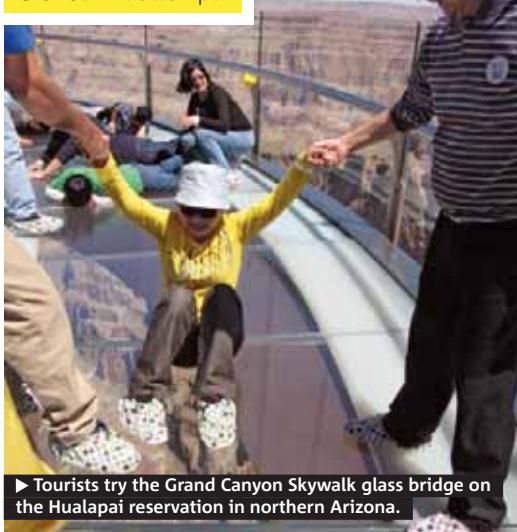
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day-to-day business until elections are held in exactly one year.

"We have a comprehensive agreement now. We have agreed on all the issues," said Azzam al-Ahmed, the chief Fatah negotiator in the reconciliation talks. It was not clear when the agreement would be signed.

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Grand. Exit attempt



► Tourists try the Grand Canyon Skywalk glass bridge on the Hualapai reservation in northern Arizona.

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Lucking out on a limb

A man who survived after apparently driving his car off the South Rim of the Grand Canyon hit a tree just three metres before another long drop-off, an official said yesterday.

Dalai Lama's replacement chosen

A Harvard legal scholar, Lobsang Sangay, has been elected the next prime minister of Tibet's government-in-exile, officials announced yesterday, paving the way for new leadership in the Tibetan community as the Dalai Lama gives up political power. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► Lobsang Sangay arrives to cast his vote in Dharamsala, India.

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Controlling the numbers

China will maintain the strict family-planning policy it imposed a generation ago to keep the birth rate low and the economy growing. President Hu Jintao said in remarks before new census data are released.

But demographers who have been advocating

1.34B Preliminary data on the first census in 10 years showed China had 1.34 billion people last year and growth had slowed to its lowest rate in decades.

changes to the country's so-called one-child policy responded to Hu's speech with counterintuitive optimism.

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► Foreign evacuees, who fled the besieged city of Misrata, carry their baggage as they are relocated into tents at a temporary refugee camp in Benghazi, Libya, yesterday. The camp provides shelter, basic humanitarian needs and transportation to the Egyptian borders for the displaced who are fleeing conflict zones.

Crisis in Misrata worsens

► Food stocks dwindling in the Libyan city ► NATO increases air strikes as EU pledges \$146 million US in aid

NATO warplanes pounded forces loyal to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi attacking the rebel-held city of Misrata, blasting fighting vehicles advancing on the port that serves as the besieged city's sole lifeline, a NATO spokeswoman said yesterday.

The battle for Misrata has become the focal point of the uprising against Gadhafi's regime, and the near-constant shelling of the city by government troops over the past two months has spurred calls for more forceful international intervention to stop

"NATO forces moved quickly to break up a force advancing on Misrata port."
CARMEN ROMERO, NATO SPOKESWOMAN

the bloodshed.

In Brussels, the EU commissioner for humanitarian aid said the shelling of the Misrata port has worsened the already bad humanitarian situation in the city and that the 27-nation group has set aside \$146 million US to address pressing humanitarian needs.

"The port shelling hampers vessel rotation and therefore hinders further evacuations," said commissioner Kristalina Georgieva.

"The delivery of food, medical supplies and other relief items has been interrupted, and it is close to impossible for our humanitarian partners to evacuate the wounded and civilians by sea."

A resident in Misrata said the city's food stocks were dwindling, and that relief supplies brought by UN aid agencies were not enough to meet requirements. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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► A female anti-government protester chants slogans during a demonstration demanding the resignation of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in Sanaa, Yemen, yesterday.

Popular uprising

Yemeni security forces opened fire on a massive anti-government demonstration in the capital Sanaa yesterday, killing 12 protesters and wounding some 190, a doctor at the scene said.

► **Landmark** The violence broke out as about 100,000 government opponents filled a landmark square at the epicenter of the uprising, spilling into the streets around the state TV building.

► **Civil society** Yemenis in at least 18 cities and towns launched a civil disobedience campaign yesterday in an escalation of their more than two-month-old uprising to bring down long-serving President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

► **Shut down** Shops, schools and government offices were shuttered. The closures are planned twice weekly until Saleh steps down, activists said.

► **Revolt** At times, millions have flooded the streets of the capital and other cities and towns.

TANKS TRUMP SUPPLIES IN SYRIA

The city at the heart of Syria's monthlong uprising ran low on food, water and medicine yesterday as the army sent in more tanks and reinforcements as part of a widening crackdown against opponents of President Bashar Assad's authoritarian regime, witnesses said.

Two residents in Daraa said at least five army officers had sided with demonstrators, and conscripted soldiers sent into the city were quietly refusing orders to detain people at checkpoints and were allowing some people through to get scarce supplies. But the Syrian government denied that there had been any splits in the military, which is seen as fiercely loyal to Assad.

Gunfire and sporadic explosions were heard in Daraa, two days after the military rolled in — backed by tanks and snipers.

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Meeting turns to massacre in Afghanistan

► Afghan military pilot killed eight U.S. soldiers and one civilian ► Gunman had no ties to Taliban

A veteran Afghan military pilot said to be distressed over his personal finances opened fire at Kabul airport after an argument yesterday, killing eight U.S. troops and an American civilian contractor.

It was the deadliest episode of an Afghan turning against his coalition partners. The veteran military pilot was killed during the attack and five Afghan soldiers were injured.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said all nine of those killed by the

20 The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the gunman was impersonating an army officer. But the Defence Ministry said the gunman was an Afghan military pilot of 20 years.

pilot were Americans. The Afghan Defence Ministry said the pilot fired on the Americans after an argument in the Afghan Air Corps at Kabul airport.

"Suddenly, in the middle

of the meeting, shooting started," said Afghan Air Corps spokesman Col. Bahader, who uses only one name. "After the shooting started, we saw a number of Afghan army officers and soldiers running out of the building. Some were even throwing themselves out of the windows to get away."

Dr. Mohammad Hassan Sahibi, the brother of the shooter, said his brother had been battling financial troubles. But Sahibi said his brother had no ties to insurgents. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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NATO fuel tanker targeted

A bomb planted underneath a tanker carrying fuel for the NATO forces, exploded on Jalalabad-Kabul highway, east of Kabul, Afghanistan. Police officials said there were no casualties.

Learning from past

The American-led war in Afghanistan is heading toward an outcome similar

to the disastrous Soviet invasion three decades ago, a new academic analysis concludes.

The analysis concludes the U.S. and its allies have three choices: Declare vic-

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Air Canada Express finally takes wing

► Montreal-Toronto service could cause flap with rivals Porter, WestJet

Air Canada's rebranding of its regional service is set to take flight Sunday with the launch of Air Canada Express service between Montreal and Billy Bishop Toronto City airport.

Sky Regional will begin contracted service with five slightly used Q400 aircraft. But the fleet of 120 Jazz planes owned by Chorus Aviation will gradually get new colours as they come in for maintenance, as will the 15 new Bombardier Q400s on order.

Non-unionized Sky Regional is one of several small carriers that have contracts with Canada's

largest airline. It has 30 flight attendants and 30 pilots.

Ben Smith, Air Canada's chief commercial officer, said bookings for the new service are running as planned. About 60 per cent of passengers are expected to be corporate customers.

To compete with Porter Airlines, which also operates from the Toronto island airport, the new service will offer beverages and food. And passengers will have the flexibility to fly into the island airport, but out of Pearson International.

In addition to creating a



► Chief commercial officer Ben Smith shows a Bombardier Q400 aircraft in Montreal yesterday.

unified regional service, Air Canada is looking at the viability of a low-cost carrier and is holding discussions with its labour unions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

iPhones track hotspots, not users: Apple

Apple Inc.'s iPhones do not store a record of their users' movements for up to a year, the company said yesterday. Rather, they store a list of Wi-Fi hotspots and cell towers in their general area.

The company promised software fixes to address privacy concerns raised by a research report last week.

The data in question, downloaded from Apple, help the phone figure out its location without having to listen for faint signals from GPS satellites. That means navigation applications can present the



► The new white iPhone 4 goes on sale today.

phone's location faster and more accurately, Apple said.

The data are stored for

up to a year because of a software error, the company added. There's no need to store data for more than seven days, and a software update in the next few weeks will limit the amount of data in that file.

The iPhone will also stop backing up the file to the user's computer, a practice that also raised some concerns. Computers are much more vulnerable to remote hacking attempts than are phones.

Apple said that while iPhones regularly transmit their location to Apple, they

iPhone 4 U

- Apple's long-delayed white iPhone 4 goes on sale in Canada today for \$199 US or \$299 US depending on the model.
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It's time for summer movie season, where the action is fast, the sound is explosive, and the people are idiots.

I used to see lots of movies in public during the summer months. But then I realized the public will be there, so I stopped. Way too many of my memorable movie-going experiences have nothing to do with the film.

Consider:

Life Is Beautiful: Two elderly women could not keep up with the subtitles, largely because they were reading them out loud. When there was a time jump after a love scene, they expressed confusion about where the amorous couple had found a young boy.

The Blair Witch Project: A young woman sitting behind me talked in equal measure about how scared she was and how she had absolutely no idea what was going on. At one point, she saw that one of the characters had a rip in his jeans and squealed, "What does it mean?!"

Contact: The movie starts with a long, beautiful shot of the noiseless vacuum of outer space, which led people throughout the theatre to yell, "Something's wrong with the sound! Hello? HELLO?!"

People like this used to make me angry, but I have recently realized it's not their fault. The fault lies with our whole attitude toward blockbuster movies, especially during the summer season of "event" films, which are required by law to contain a constant mix of bosoms, explosions, and/or zombies.

Most of these movies suck, but if you say that, then somebody will inevitably say, "Just turn your brain off and enjoy it." I hate that.

Watching a bad movie must be the only human endeavour where dumbing yourself down is considered acceptable. Imagine if you were eating spoiled lasagna and a friend said, "Just turn your brain off and revert to a dog-like state where the meat causes you joy."

Why would anyone want to make themselves willfully stupid? It's ridiculous but everybody thinks it's OK, which is why movie theatres hold so many blatherers, cellphone users and seat tappers.

I see now that these are all normal people — who during their day-to-day lives have minds and manners and children who love them — but who during movies "turn off their brains" so they can enjoy the ride.

And that's why I avoid seeing blockbusters in public. Because if I didn't, I might become the next summer-movie mindless zombie. If that ever happens to me, you know what to do ...

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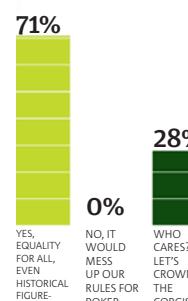


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Letters

Re: Breaking up ain't hard (metronews.ca)

OTTAWA. As a young woman living in Ottawa Centre, I was personally insulted by the comments made by Helen Friel (Ottawa-Centre Conservative candidate Damian Konstantinakos' campaign office manager), in which she suggested that women dislike Stephen Harper simply because we don't find him "charming."

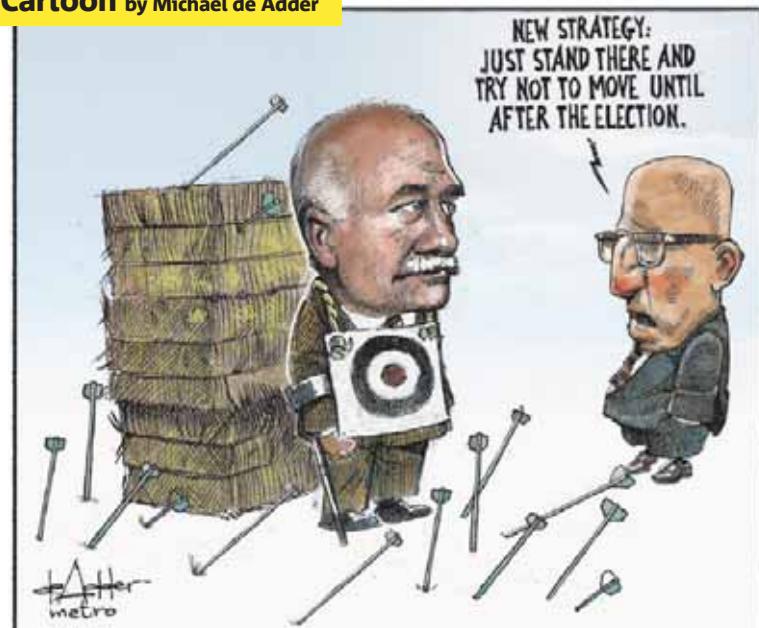
It is exactly this patronizing mentality demonstrated by the Conservative party that deters women such as myself from supporting them.

I feel that Friel's comments imply that women lack the capacity to make rational informed decisions, a stereotype that women have been fighting for years — a fight that has perhaps become more difficult since the Harper government cut funding for women's advocacy by 43 per cent.

Other cuts have included the closing of 12 out of 16 Status of Women offices, and the scrapping of our progressive Court Challenges program.

Yeah, I guess we don't find those things "charming." **GLENNS EGAN**

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Her golden locks needed protection

Romanians are known to be security conscious, but when the parliament speaker was accompanied by six security officers funded by the taxpayer to the hairdresser, some considered it too much.

Click, a daily newspaper, reported yesterday



that Roberta Anastase was guarded by six officers who waited for her outside the hairdresser's during a recent three-hour appointment.

Anastase, who was crowned Miss Romania in 1994, is the third most important person in the Romanian state hierarchy and is legally entitled to around-the-clock security, the Romanian parliament said, responding to the article.

Political commentator Cristian Teodorescu questioned whether Anastase needs 17 guards, which are tasked for her round-the-clock protection.

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Local tweets



- **@iyelli:** Folk fest lineup is decent, not awesome.
- Won't stop me from buying a 4-day pass though. Stoked to see Mighty Popo again. #cfmf #yyc
- **@theturner:** Checks Weather Net: partly sunny, prob of precip — 10%. Looks outside: pouring rain. Oh #yyc spring, how would I get whiplash without you?
- **@cheatinusx:** It's getting hard to watch hockey at arms length with no team in the playoffs ... Edmonton, I am starting to understand your pain ...
- **@robertmcbean:** knock knock. who's there? rob anders. hey, is this some kind of a joke. #yyc #elexn41
- **@colinbrandt:** Surest sign of spring in Calgary; flute dude is back downtown #yyc

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Halloween isn't just for the fall anymore

► Get your costumes out because there is no need to wait until October to dress up ► Halfway to Halloween party at radiopark a great excuse for fun

BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNIFER LARAWAY
METRO CALGARY

If there is one thing I have learned about Calgary, it's that we take our special occasions very seriously. St. Patties Day, Stampede, and Halloween all tend to be a blur.

And now patio season is upon us and what better way to prep your liver for a summer of slushy adult beverages then a halfway to Halloween party? I would not joke about this, people. Instead of freezing your tail off on the real Halloween, you can actually roam the streets comfortably in your best and skankiest Halloween attire. Thank radiopark (8989 Macleod Trail SW) for giving us a reason to wear a costume in public in April.

Given the unconventional countdown celebration of this occasion, you might have to get a little creative with the costume.

Let's be honest, a Facebook tag will rat you out if you rehash a costume you just wore six months ago



and there isn't a crop of costume shops popping up for this occasion on 17th Avenue.

If you are stuck for ideas, there are some crazy yet awesome suggestions floating around the Facebook page. Manager Chris Jamieson says the staff already have their looks down.

"We are all wearing morph suits," he says. It doesn't get much creeper than that ... or does it?

The night starts at 9

radiopark events

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p.m. and features unreal beats spun by DJ Phatty, DJ Heebz and the Karate Kid

DJ Depths. If you want to be part of one the craziest parties this spring, you better get your hands on some tickets.

Between the confirmed and on-the-fence Facebook guests, there are already 300 people set to head out. Skip the lines by getting a VIP pass in advance through the bar, Facebook fan page called Halfway to HALLOWEEN Party LIVE @ radiopark!. For more information, head to radiopark.ca.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at F.A.T.S.

When she took over as the general manager of F.A.T.S. last year, Heidi Leaman was on a mission.

"What I found was that F.A.T.S had fallen off the nightlife map in Calgary. So I want to rejuvenate its image and get our name out there," she says.

"There is so much competition in Calgary. I needed to make F.A.T.S a destination place, so having unique events peaks people's interest and gives them a reason to come to F.A.T.S."

She's talking about Cinco de Mayo, the event that commemorates the Mexican army's unlikely victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla. This historic feat took place on May 5, 1862. Fast forward almost 150 years later and they're still celebrating.

Given this May 5 falls on a Thursday, Leaman tells us the resident DJ will be starting early at 7 p.m. and spinning some sexy Latin beats. They've also spiced up the menu to feature Corona and El Jimador Silver Tequila drink specials.

"We will be giving out complimentary chips and salsa and \$2 tacos all day, as well," she adds.

F.A.T.S., which has been around since 2004, is located at 506 - 10 St. NW. There's no cover to celebrate, but you better get there early if you want a good seat. For all the details, visit fatsbarandgrill.com.

● JENNIFER LARAWAY



Scene in brief



Steven Tyler says he wasn't the only Aerosmith member who was abusing drugs in recent years. In an interview with Rolling Stone, Tyler says he and Joe Perry did drugs together in 2008 after years of sobriety. Aerosmith had been working on a new album, which never developed.

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Lookalikes looking for love

► 10 William and Kate doubles from across the EU get hitched in London ► Italian-U.K. couple win competition



With just 48 hours to go in the Royal Wedding countdown, Europe's 10 best Prince William and Kate Middleton lookalikes gathered by London landmark Tower Bridge to find out if they had won the final round of a royal lookalike contest.

Hundreds of entrants from all over Europe entered a competition launched by cheap flight airline EasyJet, but it was Simon Watkinson from U.K. and Orsola Rossi from Italy who were crowned as the ultimate Prince and Princess lookalikes. They each won a year's worth of free EasyJet flights.

"I have never thought about being a Kate lookalike until 20 days ago when a friends told me I look like the bride-to-be," Orsola Rossi, 30, from Milan told Metro. "I don't think I will profit from it,

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ORSOLA ROSSI

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"It is unbelievable that many strange people on the streets keep telling me I look like William," said Simon Watkinson, 29, an engineer who now works as a Prince William impersonator and bears the most remarkable resemblance to the future King.

"I think one of the reasons is that William is sort



► Royal lookalikes have descended on London for a competition.

of losing his hair a bit, and mine's receding a little," he added before he kissed a Kate lookalike on the

cheek, just like Prince William would do to Kate.

Besides the most similar appearances to Will and

Kate, the judges also assessed how the 'Kates' threw their bouquets and curtsied in their wedding

dress, and how well the RAF uniform-attired Wills' proposed to their brides on one knee.

Living the life of a royal lookalike

While the official royal couple launch boats and visit hospitals, their spitting-images have been busier than ever with parties and photo shoots. We spoke to Andy Walker, Prince William look-alike, about his life of having a famous face.

When did you discover that you looked like Prince William?

I have had people say it throughout my life but I never really thought anything of it. I certainly didn't think I could make a career out of it.

How busy are you at the mo-

ment?

I work a three-four day week. Ninety-five per cent is media work, a lot of photo shoots, TV and that sort of thing. I was in a full time job as a security manager. Since the engagement the demand became so high that I had to give

up my job.

Do people stop you and think you are Prince William?

Not that much. Well first of all, I've got a lot more hair (laughs). He is losing it really quickly at the moment. I think I look like a younger version of him. ■ MARIA THUESEN BLEEG



► Andy Walker and Kate Bevan live the life of lookalikes.

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Perhaps you've heard, there's a wedding on Friday. But no, your invitation isn't lost in the mail or caught in a spam folder, you're just not on the list.

When Prince William and Kate Middleton walk down Westminster Abbey's storied aisle (where William's uncle Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson in 1986) to exchange "I do's" you'll be at home in your pyjamas watching it on TV with a cup of tea in your hand and a crumpet at your side. The upside? You don't have to get them a wedding gift.

To prep for the pomp and circumstance I've selected a number of royal wedding movies to get

you primed for the big day.

The name Marie Antoinette is synonymous with surplus and when little Ms. Let Them Eat Cake wed the Dauphin of France no expense was spared. Married by proxy a month before, she arrived at the site of the ceremonial wedding — at the Palace of Versailles no less — in a procession that included 48 carriages.

See a recreation of the exercise in excess in Sophia Coppola's 2006 film, Marie Antoinette. It may not get the details 100 per cent right, but if you want accuracy watch the History Channel.

Also torn from the history books is The Duchess, the story of the 17-year-old Georgiana Cavendish (Keira Knightley), great-great-great-granddaughter of Diana, Princess of Wales, who weds the much older Duke of Devonshire (Ralph Fiennes).

Speaking of relatives, the life, love and marriage of Queen Victoria (Prince William is her fourth great-grandson) are detailed in The Young Victoria, starring Emily Blunt.

Despite being shot by

soft candlelight for a glowing historical feel, The Young Victoria isn't Masterpiece Theatre. Accents and petticoats aside, this is a modern movie, with a modern sensibility, that mixes history, politics, romance, castle etiquette and back-

room dealings into one frilly, appealing package.

In the realm of the unreal are two final reel royal weddings. Before Anne Hathaway started taking her clothes off in every movie she stars in, she was the wholesome star of The

Princess Diaries. In PD2: Royal Engagement, her character, Princess Mia, must get married in order to become queen.

The most recent royal wedding to hit screens happens in Your Highness, the medieval stoner come-

dy starring Natalie Portman and James Franco. Prince Fabious Franco walks Belladonna (Zooey Deschanel) down the aisle but the wedding is interrupted by an evil sorcerer. Let's hope William and Kate have better luck.



► Emily Blunt stars in The Young Victoria.

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Hudson engagement discovered on TV show

► Today Show host Matt Lauer picks up on the new ring around Kate's finger

Kate Hudson and Matt Bellamy are engaged, the actress revealed during an interview with Matt Lauer for the Today show after Lauer pointed out an engagement ring on her finger.

"It just happened a week ago, I'm so glad you noticed," she said.

"I haven't really announced it and I felt like the announcing thing feels so silly, and I was just waiting for someone to notice."

No date has been set, as the couple is focused on welcoming their first child together this summer.

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KATE HUDSON



► Kate Hudson

Lohan remorseful for mistakes

With a 120-day jail sentence looming, Lindsay Lohan is owning up to her past mistakes and hoping to turn her life around.

"I've made a lot of poor decisions in the past and I'm dealing with the consequences of those decisions," she said during an interview with Jay Leno. "I know that I have to work

to gain the respect back and I'm willing to do the work that I have to do to follow through with being an actress because that's what I love."

But more than anything, she wishes the public would focus on her work more than her troubles.

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► Lindsay Lohan

Celebrity tweets



On my way to Studio to make out with various boy band members....



@ladygaga "Whoever is hacking my Twitter must answer to 10 million monsters and Twitter police."



@bobsaget "It's never good to change yourself for someone else. Unless you really suck."



@ConanOBrien "Weekend plans. 1. Take lawn chair to Hollywood Boulevard. 2. Yell at tourists who step on Janet Jackson's star."

Talking points

Harry afraid of playing Harry

NO MORE PLEASE. There is one thing that seriously scares Daniel Radcliffe: playing Harry Potter again.

The actor panicked last October when series author J.K. Rowling told Oprah Winfrey she could write more books about the boy wizard.

"I was worried! I texted her. I said, 'Look, is this true? Are you writing another book?'" he tells Celebuzz. "She wrote back that she was so pleased with my performance in Harry Potter 7: Part 1 that as a reward, she promised to never write another book about Harry."

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Aniston on her way to NYC

CHANGING LIFESTYLES

Jennifer Aniston is reportedly ditching L.A. for New York.

The actress has put her west coast home on the market and is close to closing on a \$5.6 million Manhattan penthouse, according to Hollyscoop.

While the 1,200-square-foot one-bedroom apartment isn't huge, it does

come with 800 square feet of terrace space facing both north and south. Aniston, who lived in New York when she was younger, has said she's eager to get back to the Big Apple.

"There is nothing like being in the city that is just the city of Everyman," she has said. "It's all walks of life — I love that!"

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life**Barbie Girl**

Meet the new Catherine Middleton doll! Unlike many of the other gifts cashing in on monarchy mania, this children's toy has some winning features like the glossy mane of hair, Issa style dress, the fascinator... It's very Kate-like and she's fashionably thin! **• RICHARD PECKETT**



Royal bride Kate Middleton can look at previous UK royal gowns for inspiration.

► Since her engagement to Prince William, the pressure has grown on Kate Middleton to become a style superstar ► But is she really ready to be a trendsetter?

Is Kate Middleton a fashion icon?



KENYA HUNT
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Look back at the evolution of Kate's style over the past nine years or so, it's clear that her appearance hasn't changed much. She's developed a personal style that works for her: tall boots with classic straight-leg jeans, tall boots with feminine dresses that respectfully trace the curves or tall boots with pretty skirt suits. Her newer clothes may look more expensive and regal, but her trademarks endure. No extreme makeovers here.

It remains to be seen whether Kate will take up the challenge to become Britain's sartorial ambassador. It's technically not part of a First Lady's job description to promote the fashion industry. But if she does, she'll need someone in her corner to help her navigate the minefield of worst-dressed lists and discriminating editors. Then again, with rumors persisting that Middleton will wear Alexander McQueen on her wedding day, maybe she's already found that person.

**Bold beginnings**

Kate Middleton models on the catwalk at a student fashion show attended by Prince William, on March 26, 2002 in St. Andrews, Scotland.

**Pretty in peacock**

Kate smiles as she visits Greenmount Agricultural College on March 8, 2011 in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

**Burberry Brit**

Kate attends Harry Meade & Rosie Bradford's wedding at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul on October 23, 2010 in Northleach near Cheltenham, England.

**She loves her lavender**

Kate attends the wedding of Nicholas van Cutsem and Alice at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks on August 14, 2009 in London, England.

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► As royal fans await Kate's grand bridal reveal check out a few others who celebrated in style



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Sarah Pengiran Salleh, Brunei

At the age of 17, Sarah Salleh married Bruneian Crown Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah Bolkiah on September 9, 2004 in Brunei. The bride was dressed in radiant blue and the glittering traditional Malay ceremony was attended by royalty and politicians from around the world. After the ceremony the couple went for a drive in a specially-customized gold Rolls-Royce.



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Lalla Salma, Morocco

Lalla Salma, a 24-year-old computer engineer, married King Mohamed VI of Morocco at the royal palace July 13, 2002 in Rabat, Morocco. The bride was dressed in a traditional Moroccan robe of white, embellished with gold-threaded trim. She also wore a diamond tiara and drop earrings. For centuries, Morocco's monarchs had a tradition of keeping their royal wives hidden but the king broke those traditions by publicly acknowledging his bride.

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**Maxima Zorreguieta, Holland**

Crown Princess Maxima Zorreguieta was wearing an ivory Valentino couture gown when she married Dutch Crown Prince Willem Alexander in Amsterdam on February 2, 2002. She had a train inset with embroidered flowers and a tiara made especially for the big day: the base was taken from one owned by Queen Emma, and the stars from one owned by Queen Wilhelmina.

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The dress that dazzled the world

► Metro catches up with Elizabeth Emanuel, designer of the late Princess Diana's wedding dress

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As the Royal wedding date approaches, speculation is mounting about which designer is secretly putting the finishing touches to

Kate Middleton's dress. It was exactly the same when designers David and Elizabeth Emanuel were creating Lady Diana Spencer's famous wedding dress.

The design of her dress was to be so top secret that they created a second

'stunt' dress for her to wear in case the design was leaked. Metro met with Elizabeth Emanuel to learn more about what it was like trying to keep 1981's biggest secret.

What lengths did the press go to try to get their scoop?

The press staked out the studio, they rummaged through the rubbish bins and continually called using lines like, 'Their jobs



► Diana's bridal gown



► Designer Elizabeth Emanuel

were on the line and if they didn't get the information, they'd have to pull their kids out of school and they'd be forced to move!'

How did you keep the dress safe?

There was no Royal protocol, no contracts, no secrecy rules but we made a completely different spare dress, and we had a safe delivered to keep the dress in, which was interesting. We hoped no one would notice but there were about 400 people watching and we couldn't get it through the door, so we it

had to hoik it up through the first floor window. It was a complete fiasco.

How did you decide on a 25 foot train (7.62 metres)?

Well, we did some research and it said somewhere the longest Royal train to date was 23 feet (7.01 metres), so we decided to go the extra two feet.

How was it when Princess Diana visited the studio?

Mostly she came alone but sometimes she came with her sister, bridesmaids or mum and we all sat on the floor and looked at sketches — it was all quite informal. We did a lot of research on royal wedding dresses and she went through our rail and there was one style that looked really nice on her that looked frighteningly close to what we actually did.

How did designing the dress change your life?

We were propelled into a different sphere. We made a perfume, bed linens and a copy of the dress for Madame Tussauds, on Diana's request. The dress set new bridal trends because it broke away from traditional styles.

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I am old enough to remember my aunt's dining room with red flocked-velvet wallpaper — how I loved to go to her house and touch the velvety walls.

I am also old enough to remember going to her house as a young man and helping to remove that wallpaper. I remember thinking to myself that after all the spraying and scraping in the summer heat, I would never put up wallpaper ever again in my lifetime.

They say what goes around comes around and I guess that holds true even with awful things like flocked wall coverings.

Wallpaper is coming back in vogue again and there have been some substantial improvements; papers are more durable, washable and much easier to remove to change our walls with the latest fashion of the day.

Just like when I was a boy, velvet wallpapers, beautiful, rich colours and metallic sheens are emerging as trends again. Somehow, they're looking a bit fresher and more fashion-



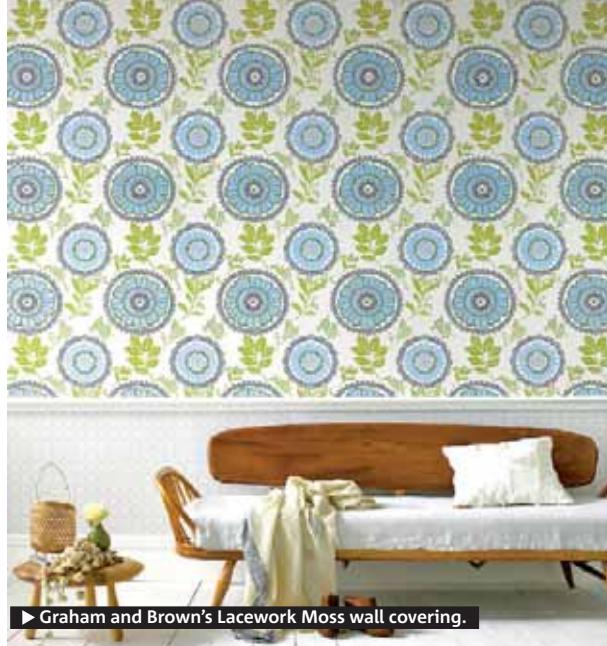
Side projects

- **Wallpaper** the front of dresser drawers with leftover wallpaper to create a custom look in a room.
- **Wallpaper** a boring slab door with a large-scale, punchy-coloured paper to help add vertical art to a neutral room.
- **Add wallpaper** to the inside of a china cabinet or closet. Use bright colours, such as orange or fuchsia, to add a pop of surprise and wake up your tired china and crystal.



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able than I remember.

Special paint primers help create better adhesion from paper to wall and allow the paper to be removed more easily, without damage to the wall surface below. Choose a primer that matches your preference of using oil or latex paints on your walls.

When measuring for wallpaper, remember that you should always buy 20 per cent more than what you measure for. This will allow for matching up patterns and making sure you have a tiny bit extra.

Removing wallpaper

from a properly primed wall is quite easy. When working with a paper wall covering you can spray on a special solution to soften the paper and loosen the glue; the paper should peel off easily.

If working with a vinyl covering or a wall that has not been properly primed, a small tool that perforates the paper will help get the solution in behind and loosen the glue. Within just a few minutes, the paper should be ready to peel off the walls.

There's an old designer secret to making smaller

spaces appear visually larger: Add larger prints to fabrics, drapes, art and rugs (items that don't take up any physical space in a room). The larger print gives great impact.

The big trend in wallpaper right now is large prints for impact, but beware — most of the prints are oversized traditional designs that help mock the tinier patterns of years gone by.

Look for colours from fashion — teal, pink, chocolate brown and grey are just a few you'll see on walls this season.

Where to use wallpaper:

Front foyer: Go bold and dark. Wall coverings with shine, texture and strong colours add impact to a small entrance space. Hang a large mirror and add a show-stopper hanging light and you'll have all the drama you need.

Behind a headboard: Go light or dark depending on the overall decor of the room. A focal wall of paper will make the bed look more important and add pattern or colour that you might have been afraid to

choose in the headboard, bedding or draperies. If your overall look is light and airy, then choose a paper that blends and vice versa.

Small dens or guest rooms: Be dramatic and cover all four walls to create an infinite look to the room. Paint the ceiling the same background colour as the wallpaper to make the room feel larger. If matching fabric is available, upholster the furniture to create a seamless designer look with wallpaper, paint and fabric.

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► This Mother's Day, impress her with gifts from the garden – from hanging vases to botanical dishware

For a lot of moms, the urge to nurture extends to plants and flowers. So for Mother's Day, instead of getting her a traditional floral arrangement that lasts just a few days, consider other options for or from the garden.

If mom spends some of her happiest hours in her backyard garden, you might sign her up for Plantjotter.com's online organizer. With no special downloads or software required, the site allows gardeners to create a personalized web page with info about what they've planted, to-do schedules, photos and wish lists. Monthly tips and ideas are offered specific to your grow zone.

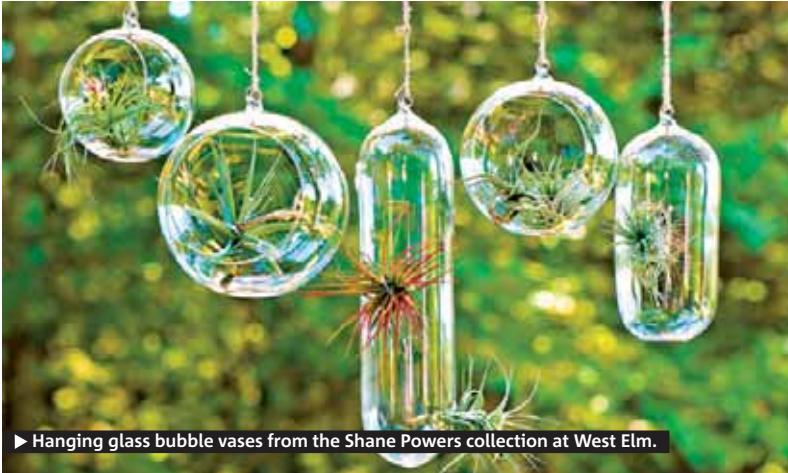
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dening club: Each month, there's a new how-to project, such as building terrariums, pizza gardens or topiaries, which parents and kids can do together. You can upload video and photos, and get a biweekly newsletter.

Or add accents to mom's garden. At Uncommongoods.com, find Tyson Weissin's charming Koi



► Hanging glass bubble vases from the Shane Powers collection at West Elm.

fish ceramic garden ornaments. Fired in several colours including cobalt blue, a school of these placed along a pathway or

nestled among some grasses would be quite arresting.

This spring, West Elm introduced Shane Powers' no-maintenance, indoor

garden collection, perfect for a modern mom with little time or inclination to tend plants but who enjoys a few touches of nature in

her living space. Hanging glass bubble vases and ceramic vessels hold plants such as air ferns, water lilies and succulents.

If mom loves cut flowers, consider PlantationDesign.com's set of Amaretto vases, formed out of deliciously liqueur-like glass swirls. Crate & Barrel has the Evelyn vase, made of softly folded glass, as well as Millie, Kiki and Marisol, all hand-etched with charming designs. Also find a quartet of green, enamelled, bird-motif wall tiles, nice on a patio fence.

Sur la Table has a fresh-looking Botanical dishware collection out this spring that features a happy, modern floral pattern on snowy-white, dishwasher-safe ceramic.

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► Neolithic ceramic vases from the Shane Powers collection at West Elm.



► Sur la Table's fresh-looking Botanical dishware collection.

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2. Use a stud finder to locate wood studs in the wall.

3. Attach the mount to the back of your TV using the holes provided by the TV manufacturer.

4. Pre-drill holes into

the wall studs using the mount's wall plate as a guide. Secure the wall plate to the studs.

Note: If your walls are concrete or brick, insert a concrete anchor into each drill hole until it's flush with the wall.

If your wall has metal studs, ask the mount maker if they offer adapter kits — most do.

5. Attach the mount (with the TV attached) to the wall plate.

Your installation may have slightly different requirements.

Remember to follow the manufacturer's directions for proper mount installation.

For help selecting a compatible wall mount for your TV, ask your local electronics retailer for their suggestion.

Or, try one of the many online mount finder tools available, such as the one from mount manufacturer Sanus (which is available at sanus.com).

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A refreshing vegetarian soup- and-salad combo

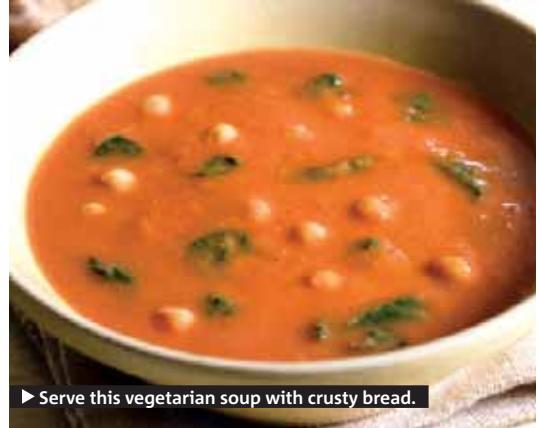
THE CANADIAN PRESS HO/ FOODLAND ONTARIO

This Moroccan Vegetable Soup is the perfect vegetarian dish to serve on a cool spring night.

Traditionally finished with a spoonful of harissa, a spicy North African chili sauce, the soup can also be heated up with a few dashes of hot sauce if you like.

Preparation:

- 1 In large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion, parsnips and sweet potato; sauté about 5 minutes or until slightly softened. Stir in garlic, ginger, coriander, cumin, paprika, salt, pepper and cayenne.
- 2 Add tomatoes and broth; cover and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 20 minutes or until parsnips and sweet potato are tender.
- 3 In blender or with immersion blender, puree soup as smooth as you like. Return to pan. Add chickpeas and heat



► Serve this vegetarian soup with crusty bread.

through, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in spinach until

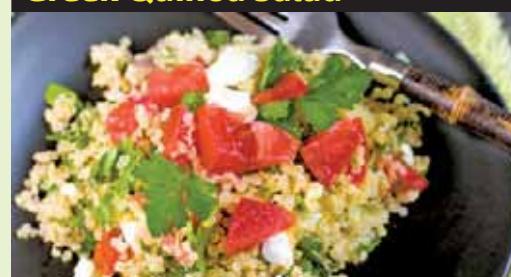
it is wilted.
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Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 parsnips, chopped
- 1 large sweet potato, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) coriander
- 1 tsp (5 mL) each ground cumin, paprika and salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each pepper and cayenne
- 1 can (28 oz/796 mL) diced tomatoes (undrained)
- 4 cups (1 L) vegetable broth
- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups (500 mL) baby spinach, stems removed

THE CANADIAN PRESS HO

Greek Quinoa Salad



Quinoa, which is dubbed “the mother grain” for its nutritional qualities, is featured in this fresh Greek salad.

Preparation:

- 1 Place quinoa in mesh sieve and rinse well under running water; drain and set aside.

- 2 In pot, bring broth to a boil and add quinoa. Stir, reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 20 minutes or until broth is absorbed. Fluff with fork into bowl. Add tomatoes, pepper, cucumber and parsley.

- 3 In bowl, whisk oil, vinegar and garlic. Drizzle over quinoa

and vegetables. Season with salt and sprinkle with feta cheese.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CASBHAH QUINOA

Lightning eliminate Penguins

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LIGHTNING PENGUINS

Dwayne Roloson made 36 saves for his second NHL playoff shutout, Sean Bergenheim scored, and the Tampa Bay Lightning completed a big series comeback by eliminating the Pittsburgh Penguins with a 1-0 win in Game 7 last night.

Roloson became the second goalie to go 6-0 in elimination games. He allowed only four goals in winning the final three games as Tampa Bay erased a 3-1 series deficit. That matched his feat in 2003 when he led the Minnesota Wild to a comeback against the Vancouver Canucks in the second round.

The No. 5 seed Lightning will now face the top-seeded Washington Capitals in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Penguins lost their second consecutive Game 7 and fell to 2-6 in such deciding games at home.

Bergenheim's goal 5:41 into the second period was his third in the final four games of the series. Tampa Bay hadn't advanced in the playoffs since winning the Stanley Cup in 2004.

Despite a 36-23 edge in shots, the Sidney Crosby-less Penguins lost three consecutive games for the first time since Dec. 27, 2009-Jan. 3, 2010 — a span of 141 games.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



B's take series

► Horton's 2nd OT winner of 1st round clinches for Bruins in Game 7

Nathan Horton scored 5:43 into overtime to give the Boston Bruins a 4-3 victory over the Montreal Canadiens last night in Game 7 of their first-round playoff series.

The Bruins will play the Philadelphia Flyers in the Eastern Conference semifinals for the second consecutive year.

Tim Thomas stopped 34 shots for the Bruins, who recovered after losing the first two games of the series at home. Boston had never won a playoff series after trailing 0-2 in 26 tries.

Carey Price stopped 30 shots for Montreal, which

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BRUINS CANADIENS

erased deficits of 2-0 and 3-2 in Game 7.

Horton scored with a slapshot off a pass from Milan Lucic, setting off a celebration on the Bruins bench and in the stands. It

was Boston's third overtime win in the series, including Game 5 on Saturday night when Horton scored 9:03 into the second extra period.

Johnny Boychuk and Mark Recchi scored in the first 5:33 of Game 7 to give the Bruins a 2-0 lead. But Yannick Weber made it a one-goal game with a power-play goal in the first. Tomas Plekanec tied it in the second with an unassisted, short-handed goal.

After Chris Kelly scored with just under 10 minutes left to give Boston a 3-2 lead, P.K. Subban tied it in the final two minutes — again on the power

play.

The Bruins were 0 for 21 on the power play in the series.

But it doesn't matter.

They will open the next round in Philadelphia with a chance to avenge last year's epic collapse against the Flyers. Boston led that series 3-0 before Philadelphia came back to force a decisive game. In Game 7 in Boston, the Bruins took a 3-0 lead before losing 4-3.

That was the second straight year that the Bruins lost a Game 7 at home.

This time, they made sure it didn't happen again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chan on track for world gold



Canadian Patrick Chan put on a record performance yesterday in his bid for his first world figure skating title in Moscow yesterday.

The 20-year-old from Toronto compiled a world-record score of 93.02 to lead the short program, landing a perfect quad jump to open the program followed by a huge triple axel.

"I was really proud of myself," Chan said. "I was

12 Chan takes a huge 12-point lead into today's free program. Japan's Nobunari Oda was second with a score of 81.81.

really quite nervous today ... I was very happy to keep it together mentally and do what I do in practice. To be able to translate it into competition was a very tough task." THE CANADIAN PRESS

out at the NHL awards June 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

Selke finalists announced

NHL. Centres Pavel Datsyuk of Detroit, Vancouver's Ryan Kesler and Jonathan Toews of Chicago were named Frank Selke Trophy nominees yesterday.

The award, given to the NHL's top defensive forward, will be handed

Knicks stick with Billups

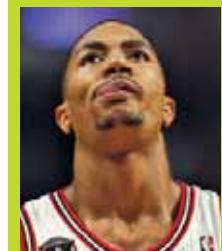
NBA. The New York Knicks announced yesterday they are keeping point guard Chauncey Billups for next season.

He will be on the books for \$14.2 million, for his first full season with Amare Stoudemire and Carmelo Anthony.

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sports

Quoted



"Last year, we were just saying, 'How are we going to win this game? Do we have a chance?' We really didn't have a chance. This year, we have a chance to win almost every game that we go in."

BULLS POINT GUARD DERRICK ROSE. CHICAGO'S WIN OVER INDIANA ON TUESDAY MARKED JUST THE SECOND TIME THE BULLS HAVE WON A SERIES SINCE THE MICHAEL JORDAN ERA.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington (1) vs. N.Y. Rangers (8)

(Washington wins 4-1)

Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7)

(Philadelphia wins 4-3)

Tuesday's result

Philadelphia 5 Buffalo 2

Boston (3) vs. Montreal (6)

(Boston wins 4-3)

Last night's result

Boston 4 Montreal 3 (OT)

Tuesday's result

Montreal 2 Boston 1

Pittsburgh (4) vs. Tampa Bay (5)

(Tampa Bay wins 4-3)

Last night's result

Tampa Bay 1 Pittsburgh 0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Chicago (8)

(Vancouver wins 4-3)

Tuesday's result

Vancouver 2 Chicago 1 (OT)

San Jose (2) vs. Los Angeles (7)

(San Jose wins 4-2)

Detroit (3) vs. Phoenix (6)

(Detroit wins 4-0)

Anaheim (4) vs. Nashville (5)

(Nashville wins 4-2)

x — if necessary.

LIGHTNING 1, PENGUINS 0

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Brewer TB (interference) 11:23, St. Louis TB (tripping) 14:50.

Second Period

1. Tampa Bay, Bergenheim 3 (Moore, Downie) 5:41

Penalties — Stamkos TB (tripping) 1:22, Orpik Pgh (hooking) 7:48, Neal Pgh (slashing) 10:41.

Third Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Tampa Bay bench (too many men; served by Downie) 5:25, Moore TB (interference), Letang Pgh (diving) 10:58, Thompson TB (slashing) 18:27.

Shots

Tampa Bay 7 11 5 —23

Pittsburgh 15 7 14 —36

Goal — Tampa Bay: Roloson (W,4-3-0); Pittsburgh: Fleury (L,3-4-0). Power plays (goals-chances) — Tampa Bay: 0-2; Pittsburgh: 0-5.

Referees — Brad Watson, Dan O'Halloran.

Linesmen — Scott Driscoll, Brad Kovachik.

Att. — 18,507 (18,087), at Pittsburgh

BRUINS 4, CANADIENS 3 (OT)

First Period

1. Boston, Boychuk 1 (Marchand, Bergeron) 3:31

2. Boston, Recchi 1 (Ference) 5:33

3. Montreal, Weber 2 (Hamrlik, Cammalleri) 9:49 (pp)

Penalties — Ry德尔 Bos (hooking) 8:22, Thornton Bos (elbowing) 16:02, Kostitsyn Mtl (high-sticking) 17:59.

Second Period

4. Montreal, Plekanec 2, 5:50 (sh)

Penalties — Eller Mtl (cross-checking) 4:41, Boychuk Bos (boarding) 18:12.

Third Period

5. Boston, Kelly 3 (Ference, Peverley) 9:44

6. Montreal, Subban 2 (Plekanec, Gionta) 18:03 (pp)

Penalty — Bergeron Bos (high-sticking) 17:23.

First Overtime

7. Boston, Horton 3 (Lucic, McQuaid) 5:43

Penalties — None.

Shots

Montreal 9 12 11 5 —37

Boston 9 7 13 5 —34

Goal — Montreal: Price (L,3-4-0); Boston:

Thomas (W,4-3-0). Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 2-4; Boston: 0-2.

Referees — Tim Peel, Kelly Sutherland.

Linesmen — Pierre Racicot, Jean Morin.

Attendance — 17,565 (17,565).

TUESDAY

CANUCKS 2, HAWKS 1 (OT)

First Period

1. Vancouver, Burrows 2 (Kesler, Raymond) 2:43

Penalty — Seabrook Chi (cross-checking) 16:21.

Second Period — No Scoring.

Penalty — Hansen Vcr (tripping) 10:18.

Third Period

2. Chicago, Toews 1 (Hossa, Seabrook) 18:04 (sh)

Missed penalty shot — Burrows Vcr, 0:21.

Penalty — Keith Chi (hooking) 16:43.

First Overtime

3. Vancouver, Burrows 3, 5:22

Penalty — Burrows Vcr (holding) 0:24.

Shots

Chicago 12 6 13 1 —32

Vancouver 8 15 12 3 —38

Goal — Chicago: Crawford (L,3-4-0); Vancouver:

Luongo (W,4-3-0). Power plays (goals-chances) — Chicago: 0-2; Vancouver: 0-2.

Referees — Paul Devorski, Steve Kozari.

Linesmen — Greg Devorski, Jay Sharrers.

Att. — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

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Cammalleri, Mtl	3	7	10
Gioux, Pha	1	8	9
St. Louis, TB	4	4	8
Perry, Ana	2	6	8
Brière, Pha	6	1	7
Selanne, Ana	6	1	7
D.Sedin, Vcr	5	2	7
Cloke, SJ	4	3	8
P.Bergeron, Bos	2	5	7

FIGURE SKATING

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Moscow

Men's Short Program

1. Patrick Chan, Toronto, **93.02 points**;Nobunari Oda, Japan, 81.81; 3. Daisuke Takahashi, Japan, 80.25; 4. Artur Gachinski, Russia, 78.34; 5. Florent Amodio, France, 77.64; 6. Takahiko Kozuka, Japan, 77.62; 7. Tomás Verner, Czech Republic, 75.94; 8. Michal Brezina, Czech Republic, 77.50; 9. Brian Joubert, France, 71.29; 10. Denis Ten, Kaz., 71.00; 19. Kevin Reynolds, Coquitlam, B.C., **64.36**; 21. Joey Russell, Labrador City, N.L., **61.69**

Men's Short Program

1. Pang Qing and Tong Jian, China, 74.00

points; 2. Aliona Savchenko and Robin

Szolkowy, Germany, 72.98; 3. Tatiana

Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov, Russia, 70.35;

4. Vera Bazarova and Yuri Larionov, Russia,

64.4; 5. Yuko Kavaguti and Alexander

Smirnov, Russia, 62.46; 6. Narumi Takahashi

and Mervin Tran, Japan, 59.16; 7. Meagan

Duhamel, Lively, Ont., and Eric Radford, Toron-

to, **58.83**; 8. Caitlin Yankowskas and John

Coughlin, U.S., 58.76; 9. Stefania Berton and

Ondrej Hotarek, Italy, 57.63; 10. Kirsten

Moore-Towers and Dylan Moscovitch, Water-

loo, Ont., **56.86**

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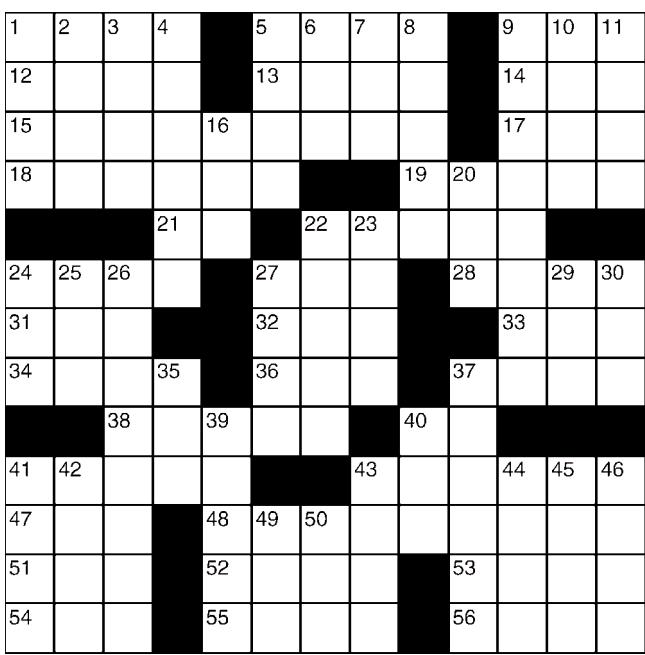
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Crossword

Across

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5 Society newbies
9 Opposite of "trans-"
12 Vicinity
13 Eastern nursemaid
14 Blackjack part
15 Meat-eater
17 Deteriorate
18 Last
19 Food from heaven
21 Exist
22 Syrup provider
24 Chantilly, e.g.
27 Kenny G's instrument
28 On in years
31 "I — Rock"
32 Luau music provider
33 "— been had!"
34 Lancaster foe
36 Roulette bet
37 Option for 15-Across
38 "Unsafe at Any Speed" author
40 Italian river
41 "Remember the —!"
43 Water-boiling device
47 Off-roader, for short
48 Boutonniere, often
51 — jiffy
52 Floor in the ring
53 Show the way
54 Texter's "That's funny!"
55 "Pygmalion" writer
56 Sea flock



3 Dweeb
4 Viennese waterway
5 Jay's rival
6 Comic Philips
7 Prohibit
8 Brother of Moe
9 — Hall
10 PC picture
11 — good example
16 Anger
20 Carte intro
22 Smith
23 Pink-slipped
24 Deposit
25 Latin 101 word
26 Fair

Down

1 Confront
2 Tehran's land

► Yesterday's answer



Today's horoscope



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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
What is your top aim? Go for it with everything you've got over the next 24 hours.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The more you desire, the more you'll get. It's the perfect day.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Make sure you know how much you're worth, not just financially but intellectually, too.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Make an effort to make others feel special and they will make efforts that enrich you, too.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You'll get through a mountain of work today and people in positions of authority will be impressed.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Creatively and romantically this is one of the best days of the year. Make it count.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You know what needs to be done and you know that now is the time to get on and do it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You don't want or need any help today. Do it yourself.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You want to prove that you have what it takes, but don't take on too much.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Today's Sun-Pluto link encourages you to believe that you can take on the world and win.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

If you want to succeed, you'll need to enlist people with knowledge superior to yours.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't limit yourself. Be more adventurous. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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Yesterday's answer ►



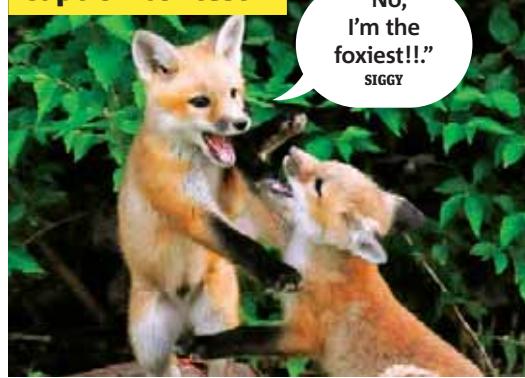
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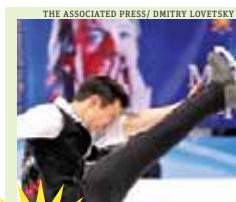
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